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SUBJECT: Transmittal of the Explanation of Significant Differences for the Record of Decision for the Test Area North, Operable Unit 1-10 (EM-ER-03-073)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

The enclosed *Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Test Area North, Operable Unit (OU) 1-10* addresses changes to the remedies for the V-Tanks, Burn Pits, and Fuel Leak Sites. The ESD also addresses the transfer of the Mercury Spill site to the OU 10-08 ROD. All comments have been resolved and the document is ready for signature. Please contact me at (208) 526-4392 or Mark Shaw at (208) 526-6442 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K E Hain", followed by the word "for" in a cursive script.

Kathleen E. Hain, Manager
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Enclosure

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